

1. **SITE NAME:** Culebra Island National Wildlife Refuge

SITE NUMBER: I02PR006800

LOCATION:

City: Culebra

Commonwealth: Puerto Rico

PROJECT NUMBER: I02PR006802

CATEGORY: OE

2. **POC'S:**

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** This site is about 25 miles east of Puerto Rico's main island. It includes all of Culebra Island, about 20 nearby keys, and all the surrounding water. Total area is 92,500 acres; 7300 acres of land and 85,000 acres of water. Most of the property is not part of the National Wildlife Refuge. The site includes steep hills with dense vegetation, rugged barren keys, sandy beaches, lagoons, and clear ocean water. There is very little open or level terrain. The areas with confirmed OEW are primarily the keys and water, though there are also some confirmed areas on Culebra Island.

4. **SITE HISTORY:** Spain ceded all of Puerto Rico to the United States in 1898 at the end of the Spanish-American War, and in 1901 President Roosevelt placed all of Culebra's public lands under Navy control. The navy built a small permanent camp around 1902, and the Caribbean Fleet used the area for naval exercises

numerous times before and after WWI. The Marines used Culebra for training from 1903 until 1941. The Navy used Culebra as a bombing and gunnery range from 1935 until 1975. Except for an 87 acre parcel of the abandoned OP, all former Navy property has been transferred.

5. PREVIOUS SITE ACTIVITIES:

a. TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION (TCRA). 5 acres on Flamenco Beach were cleared to prevent accidental detonations caused by camp fires. any problems.

b. ENGINEERING EVALUATION AND COST ANALYSIS (EECA). An EE/CA was conducted on the above areas starting 5 April 1995 and ending with a final action memo in June 1997.

7. STATUS: A new contract with Ellis Environmental of Gainesville, Florida was issued on 31 March 2000 to perform unexploded ordnance removals lands the DNER wants to construct a wind generator on. There is an option to clear an additional 100 acres at the western tip of the island where Fish and Wildlife personnel monitor migratory bird nesting. A contractor site visit is scheduled for 25 and 25 April 2000 with work to start within 90 days of the site visit.

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: No current issues.

9. SCHEDULE: For Official Use Only

10. FUND/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

11. CONTRACTING STRATEGY: The work will be done firm fixed price. We will support the Puerto Rico DNER up front with construction support where they want to build the wind mills then proceed with the rest of the removals per the EECA.

a. Type of Contract: Services for RA

b. Procurement: FFP for RA